

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 41-43 and 47-49 remain in the case.

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are requested. Claims 41 and 47 have been amended in view of the Office Action and to better define what the Applicants consider their invention, as fully supported by an enabling disclosure.

Applicant gratefully notes that claims 41-43 and 47-49 would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations to the base claim and any intervening claim. Claims 41 and 47 were rewritten accordingly.

All other claims are now cancelled to accelerate prosecution of this case while reserving the right to file a continuing application in the future to encompass subject matter cancelled in the present case.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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